

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT

Forest (Conservation) Act – Diversion of 1892.35 ha (4334.01 ha proposed originally) of forest land for establishment of Damercherla Coal Based Thermal Power Station of capacity 4400 MW at Veerlapalem (V), and 2400 MW at Dilwarpur (V) of Damercherla (M), Nalgonda Dist, Telangana State in favour of TSGENCO – Final **(Stage.II) approval** accorded – Orders – issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 38

Dated:30-07-2015
Read the following:-

1. From PCCF, TS, Hyd. Lr. Rc. No. 11064/2014-FCA3, dt. 16-01-2015.
2. State Govt. Letter No. 63/FOR.I (1)/2015-1, EFS&T (For.I) Dept. Dated:29-01-2015.
3. From Govt. of India, MoEF & CC, New Delhi, F.No. 8-07/2015-FC, Dt. 27.04.2015.
4. From PCCF, TS, Hyd., Lr.Rc.No.11064/2014/FCA-3, Dated:20.05.2015.
5. State Govt. Letter No. 63/FOR.I (1)/2015, EFS&T (For.I) Dept., Dated:21-05-2015.
6. From Govt. of India, MoEF & CC, New Delhi, F.No.8-07/2015-FC, Dt. 07.07.2015.

ORDER

In the letter 1st read above, the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, T.S., Hyderabad has furnished a proposal for diversion of 4334.01 ha of forest land in Veerlapalem, Dilwarpur & Gangadevigattu RF blocks for establishment of Damercherla Coal Based Thermal Power Station of capacity 4400 MW at Veerlapalem (V), and 2400 MW at Dilwarpur (V) of Damercherla (M), Nalgonda Dist, Telangana State in favour of TSGENCO.

2. In the letter 2nd read above, the proposal in para-1 above was forwarded to Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, New Delhi for granting approval under section -2 of the Forest (C) Act, 1980.

3. In the letter 3rd read above, the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, GoI, New Delhi have granted in-principle (Stage-I) approval for diversion of 1892.35 ha (4334.01 ha proposed originally) of forest land for establishment of Coal Based Thermal Power Station of capacity 4400 MW at Veerlapalem (V), and 2400 MW at Dilwarpur (V) of Damercherla (M), Nalgonda Dist, Telangana State in favour of TSGENCO, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated thereof.

4. In the letter 5th read above, the State Government have sent the report of compliance on the conditions stipulated by GoI, as submitted by the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, TS, Hyderabad in his letter 4th read above, to the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, New Delhi for according necessary approval.

5. In the letter 6th read above, Government of India have granted final approval for the proposal, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated therein.

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6. Accordingly, Government hereby accord **final (Stage-II)** approval for diversion of 1,892.35 ha (4334.01 ha proposed originally) of forest land in Veerlapalem, Dilwarpur & Gangadevigattu RF blocks for establishment of Damercherla Coal Based Thermal Power Station of capacity 4400 MW at Veerlapalem (V), and 2400 MW at Dilwarpur (V) of Damercherla (M), Nalgonda Dist, Telangana State in favour of TSGENCO, subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:-

- (i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- (ii) Compensatory afforestation over the non-forest land, equal in extent to the forest land being diverted, shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department from the funds already provided by the User Agency;
- (iii) The non-forest land transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department shall be notified by the State Government as RF under Section -4 or PF under Section-29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 or under the relevant section(s) of the local Forest Act, latest within a period of six months from the date of issue of Stage-II approval. The Nodal Officer shall report compliance in this regard along with a copy of the original notification declaring the non-forest land under Section 4 or Section 29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927, as the case may be, within the stipulated period to the Central Government for information and record;
- (iv) The User Agency shall pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India;
- (v) The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required;
- (vi) The User Agency shall ensure that ash disposal is carried out as per the detailed plan prepared for the purpose, and in accordance with all environmental safeguards.
- (vii) Following activities shall be undertaken by the user agency under the supervision of the State Forest Department at the project cost;
 - a. Mitigative measures to minimize the soil erosion and choking of streams, as per approved plan, shall be implemented.
 - b. Planting of adequate drought hardy plant species and sowing of seeds to arrest soil erosion.
 - c. Construction of check dams, retention/toe walls to arrest sliding down of the excavated material along the contour.
- (viii) Wherever possible and technically feasible, the User Agency shall undertake by involving local community, the afforestation measures in the blank within the project area being diverted under this approval, in consultation with the State Forest Department at the project cost.

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- (ix) The user agency shall take all measures to prevent pollution by effluents, particulate matters etc.. at the project cost.
- (x) The user agency shall develop a green belt along the power station and also along the water pipe line/channel.
- (xi) The forest clearance to the project is accorded without any guarantee on coal linkages.
- (xii) No residential area shall be built on forest land diverted;
- (xiii) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
- (xiv) The User Agency shall provide fuels, preferable alternate fuels, to the laboures and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas;
- (xv) The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, forward and back bearing and distance from pillar to pillar;
- (xvi) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- (xvii) The forest area to be diverted may not be used for any other purpose than the power plant proposed;
- (xviii) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal;
- (xix) The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;
- (xx) No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused;
- (xxi) Any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department;
- (xxii) The user agency in consultation with the State Government shall create and maintain alternate habitat/home for the avifauna, whose nesting trees are to be cleared in this project. Bird's nests artificially made out of eco-friendly material shall be user in the area, including forest area and human settlements, adjoining the forest area being diverted for the project;
- (xxiii) The user agency shall submit the annual self compliance report in respect of the above conditions to the State Government and to the concerned Regional Office of the Ministry regularly.
- (xxiv) Any other condition that the concerned Regional Office of this Ministry may stipulate, from time to time, in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife; and

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- (xxv) The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure strict compliance of all conditions for which undertakings have been obtained from the User Agency and also compliance to provision of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
- (xxvi) The felling of trees shall be restricted to the extent only where it is necessary to remove.
- (xxvii) The felled material (trees, fuel timber and pulp if any) is the property of the Department and the User Agency shall bear the felling transportation charges etc.

7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana State, Hyderabad, is therefore directed to take further necessary action accordingly in the matter.

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
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The Chairman & Managing Director, Telangana State Power Generation
Corporation Ltd., Hyderabad.

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SECTION OFFICER